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PASS NASA FOR ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER

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SUBJ: PROPOSED ATTENDANCE OF ASTRONAUT RUSSELL
SCHWEICKART AT MULHOUSE AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAYS
CELEBRATION

1. AS DEPT IS AWARE (PARIS 29988 DATED DEC. 13, 1974)
EMBASSY PARIS AND CONGEN STRASBOURG HAVE BEEN
COOPERATING WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MULHOUSE IN
PREPARATIONS FOR "AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP DAYS"
TO BE HELD IN MULHOUSE MAY 21-31, 1975. PURPOSE OF THIS
EVENT IS TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN SOUTH ALSACE
REGION OF US CULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN
CONNECTION WITH US BICENTENNIAL. PROGRAM INCLUDES BOTH
CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL FEATURES AND WILL BE INAUGURATED
BY AMBASSADOR RUSH MAY 21.

2. J.A. GROS, PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR
EVENT AND OF MULHOUSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HAS INFORMED
AMBASSADOR RUSH OF HIS INTENTION TO WRITE NASA MANNED
SPACECRAFT CENTER HOUSTON TO INVITE ASTRONAUT RUSSELL
SCHWEICKART (WHOSE FAMILY ORIGINATED IN LEMBACH NEAR
MULHOUSE) TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC-ATTENDED MEETING ON
"USA AND SPACE" AT SOME POINT DURING TEN-DAY FESTIVAL,
PROBABLY BETWEEN MAY 26 AND 31. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
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IS PREPARED TO FINANCE SCHWEICKART'S ROUND TRIP IF HE IS

AVAILABLE. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THAT SCHWEICKART IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT NASA WASHINGTON WE UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT MULHOUSE REQUEST VIA THIS CABLE.

3. WE BELIEVE SCHWEICKART PARTICIPATION IN MULHOUSE EVENT WOULD GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SUCCESS AND TO OVERALL US PSYCHOLOGICAL AND COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS HERE. WE THEREFORE HOPE NASA AND SCHWEICKART WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT MULHOUSE INVITATION.

4. IF SCHWEICKART IS UNAVAILABLE, WE SUGGEST NASA CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF HAVING ASTRONAUT SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY DR. FLETCHER TO PARIS AIR SHOW ARRIVE IN TIME TO SPEAK AT MULHOUSE MAY 29 OR 30.

5. REQUEST EARLY CABLED REPLY.
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